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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS DOG HANDLER TRAINING

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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMPLEXITIES OF EFFECTIVE DOG HANDLER PROGRAM AND NEED FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF DOG HANDLERS COMPETENCE IN MFJP HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH DR. GERTZ, CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR. ALSO, THAT UP TO FOUR MFJP CANDIDATES WILL BE CAREFULLY SELECTED FOR TRAINING IN THE U.S. AS SOON AS TRAINING PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. IN VIEW OF LACK OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN BASIC DOG HANDLING ON PART OF MFJP CANDIDATES, U.S. CUSTOMS IS

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PRESENTLY CONSIDERING A SPECIAL COURSE OF APPROXIMATELY

14 WEEKS IN SPANISH FOR MFJP THAT WILL PROVIDE BOTH BASIC AND ADVANCED TRAINING AT THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING CENTER, FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA. DETAILS OF THIS COURSE WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS DECISION IS MADE.

3. THIS WOULD BE A "HANDS ON" COURSE SIMILAR TO THE TRAINING PROVIDED U.S. CUSTOMS DOG HANDLERS. THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE GIVEN A SELECTED DOG WHICH WILL BECOME

THE PROPERTY OF MEXICO UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE. BY THE END OF THE COURSE, THE TEAM OF MAN AND DOG WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN LOCATING HEROIN, COCAINE, AND CANNIBUS DERIVATIVES CONCEALED IN AUTOS, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS, FREIGHT AND BAGGAGE.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WILL REMAIN WITH THEIR DOGS AS ANTI-NARCOTIC TEAMS UPON THEIR RETURN TO MEXICO. THE MFJP PROVIDING THE PARTICIPANT SHOULD SATISFY THE MISSION THAT THE CANDIDATES ARE CAREFULLY SCREENED TO INSURE THE POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND THAT THE MAN AND DOG TEAM WILL BE MAINTAINED AND USED SUBSEQUENT TO THE TRAINING IN A MANNER APPROPRIATE WITH REDUCTION OF NARCOTICS ORIGINATING IN OR TRANSITTING THROUGH MEXICO. THE PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD DOGS AND POSSESS A HIGH LEVEL OF GENUINE SELF-CONFIDENCE IN ORDER TO TRAIN SUCCESSFULLY WITH CAREFULLY SELECTED INTELLIGENT AND AGGRESSIVE DOGS.

5. ROUTE ALL RESPONSES TO ALLSHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. INGERSOLL

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